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PROSELYTES AND PROSELYTING.

It is generally regarded both discourteous and unchristian to proselyte. A man who gains the reputation of a proselyter is not generally any more respected than a heretic. That this condition exists is evidently because a meaning is given to proselyte which does not properly belong to it. Webster defines proselyte thus: "Verb, Transitive. To become converted to some religion, opinion, or system; to bring over." Proselyte. Noun. "A new convert, especially a convert to some religion or religious sect, or to some particular opinion, system, or party; thus, a Gentile converted to Judaism is a *proselyte*; a pagan converted to Christianity is a *proselyte*."

Taking Webster on the meaning of the term "proselyte" we find its meaning to be good, and the practice of proselyting worthy of emulation. The truth of the matter is if our system of religion is no better than any other it is a sin for us to continue to support it. "A house divided against itself cannot stand." "United we stand; divided we fall". We must have some fundamental, some eternal principle of infinite importance in our church which others do not possess or we dare not call ourselves *Christians*; for one of the seven abominations which God hates is, "he that soweth discord among brethren." If there are truths so precious which our church holds that it would be sin for us not to worship where we can observe them, then it is imperative that we bring all others to the same truths; for it is "the truth" that makes free.

The only consistent position for any one to hold is that every body should be converted to his church. No one has any right to belong to any church unless he can work and pray to bring the whole world into it. To think of having a church just to suit our individual whims and caprices is an egotism and selfishness that finds a parallel only in Beelzebub.

Between Lutherans, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Methodists, United Brethren and Evangelicals there is no essential difference in faith; and for a minister of one of these denominations to steal sheep from his neighbor pastor does not savor of any thing but selfishness; but for us to win such to a more perfect obedience in keeping the ordinances "as delivered" is a very different thing. It is not church organizations merely that are changed when people from these denominations come to us, but a change of *practice* if not of faith also.

For us to try to win to our fold a member of any other denomination is not selfishness in any sense whatever, if our object is to get them nearer to God by getting "them to observe all things, whatsoever" Jesus has "commanded."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Under date of May 7th, Bro. I. D. Bowman says, "One more baptized last Sunday night".

A large king's Children society was organized in the College last Sunday with Mrs. E. E. Haskins president and Miss Mary Kolp secretary.

Prospects for good crops of fruit, grain, grass and vegetables in Ohio are very fine. It is very seldom that they are so far advanced at this season of the year.

All who have sent us personal letters will be answered just as soon as we can get the work of the office straightened up enough to take a little time for private use.

On our return from Lanark to Ashland we called on Dr. Dowie's at 6020 Edgerton Ave., Chicago, for a few minutes. We found even larger numbers there seeking healing than when we were with him. In answer to many who have written us for information, permit us to advise you not to go to the city expecting to see him personally unless you can arrange for admission to the Divine Healing Home by correspondence before going. If you should write for this purpose, it may be well to inform you that the doctor's mail is enormous; that when we called on him last Friday his daughter told us that he had 4,000 letters unanswered; therefore you need not be surprised if you do not get a prompt reply. Furthermore we would advise all who have any idea of going first to procure and read, "Talks to Ministers", five cents; "Divine Healing Vindicated", ten cents; and "Our Second Year's Harvest", thirty cents. Before starting inform yourself of what will be expected of you, and what you may expect when you get there, and so avoid being disappointed yourself and annoying others to no purpose.

We are in receipt of a very interesting program for the "sixth meeting of the Ministerial Association of the Brethren Church of Indiana to be held at Loree, May 22-24th".

Bro. Obed Snowberger of Quincy, Pa., May 4th says, "Jacob Holsinger, near Waynesboro, Pa., died May 1st, aged 84 years, 3 months, and 9 days and was buried on the 3rd."

A large amount of correspondence was crowded out last week, but now the hooks are cleaned off, and notices and correspondence will no more be crowded back until their publication is too late to do any good.

Coxey might have redeemed himself and established his fame forever on a firm foundation, but he failed to seize the golden opportunity, and let it slip by him. If he had only carried the Small Pox to the capitol and scared Congress out of Washington what a debt of gratitude the country would now owe him.—*Buena Vista Advocate*.

From the *Buena Vista Advocate* we learn of the marriage of Mr. William P. Ninninger of Tinker Creek and Miss Annie R. Moomaw. These young people are from families of high standing in the Brethren church, and we heartily congratulate them. We are pleased to record the marriage of persons who come from equally good families, and who have been taught the same religious tenets. May God bless this union in His Name.

The note in EVANGELIST, No. 18, that never until now had there been night services held in the College chapel was a surprise to us. The exercises were chiefly held in the afternoon "so that everybody could come". Nothing makes a poorer meeting than those who gather under such circumstances. It is a practical confession that you dare not measure strength with other organizations. If those who are *inside* have no faith in their house how can they expect to inspire others with it? So long as any congregation fears to stand up for itself it need not expect others to come to its assistance. The multitudes are waiting to get on the *winning side*. If you ever succeed it will be because you feel confident that *you are right, and that right always triumphs in the end*. Let there be no giving way for the sons of Anek. There is no place on this Earth where God will not established and prosper his children if they will hearken unto his commandments to do them, and exercise faith and courage. To hear members talk some places impresses one with the idea that they think our God is very feeble, and that if he should collide with some of our religious, political or social "bums" that he would be annihilated and we would be without a God. Cowardice far more than rashness is the menace of the church.